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MEMORANDUM FOR

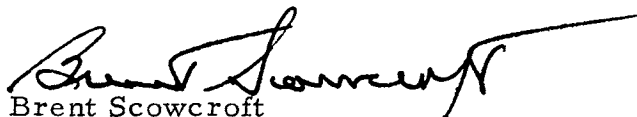
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Army Special Operations Field Office in Berlin

The Army's Special Operations Field Office in Berlin currently performs sensitive surveillance activities intended to insure security and public order in the American Sector of that city. The Departments of Defense and Army believe that these activities are "inappropriate to the traditional missions and functions of the Army."

To assist the President in making a decision on the future of the Special Operations Field Office in Berlin, it is requested that a study be conducted by representatives of the addressees. The group will be chaired by the representative of the Secretary of State. The study should review the operations of the SOFO in terms of their current and future value, as well as the current legal basis for these activities. The study should also outline options for the continuation of these activities, if it is recommended that they be continued, as well as the auspices under which they would be continued.

The study should be forwarded to the President no later than February 16, 1976.


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